MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): So, am I to understand that no more questions could be asked. Is that the ruling?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You did not get up before I got up.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): I rose even before Mr. Asan stood up. But he put his questions. Now after his turn, I want to ask questions.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have already ruled that the matter has been sufficiently discussed.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

60. ***MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the highest and lowest rates of tender per running foot for tunnel work in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme quoted by contractors;

(*b*) what the loss to Government will be for the whole work if the highest rate is accepted on a calculation with the lowest rate;

(*c*) whether the Government have accepted any tender?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The highest rate of tender per running foot for tunnel work in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project quoted by contractors was Rs. 1[illegible] and the lowest was Rs. 64.

(*b*) The loss to Government for the whole work if the highest rate is accepted instead of the lowest, will be Rs. 10,32,300.

(*c*) Government have accepted the tender of Messrs. Moylan & Co., Bombay at the rate of Rs. 110 per running foot.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know, what are the circumstances that forced Government not to accept the lowest tender?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government considered all the tenders and selected the best.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Does the Government know which particular contractor was more experienced in the works?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Has the Government any dealings now with the contractor whose name is mentioned?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Then, may I know how this contractor was selected?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow that.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): I have to clear one doubt. Government say that they have no knowledge of the man hitherto and at the same time his tender was accepted. May I know how Government came to know that he has experience in tunnel work?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow this too. You can make the inference. No more questions on that point please.

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MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that Government invariably accept the lowest tenders in such matters?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Recognised Vernacular Schools not aided.

61. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of recognised Vernacular Schools and the number of new classes in Vernacular Schools that were opened from Edavom 1106 up to now (17-2-1109) to which grant-in-aid is not given; and

(*b*) the number of teachers that are employed in such classes?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 124 new schools and 359 new classes, including class divisions.

(*b*) 587.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I konw whether department is satisfied that the 587 teachers are getting their pay larly from the managements?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not mor fied than they are in the case of all teachers in aided schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Without going into parison, may I know how far they were satisfied with regard to the ayment of these teachers by managements?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not more satisfied than they are in the case of all teachers in aided schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I do not want any comparison to be made. I want to know whether the department has enquired whether the 587 teachers are getting their pay regularly?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Asan's question was 'How far'. That implies comparison. So the Director of Public Instruction is right in making a comparison.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the department thought that the managers have contributed the grant amount also to the payment of teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No, they do not think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then, may I know from where the department thought that the teachers were paid by the managements? In other words, may I know the source from which the managements were expected to pay these teachers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): From their private resources.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the department is satisfied that the 124 schools which were newly started had sufficient resources to pay the teachers out of their funds?

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